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FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
American Academy of Political and
Social Science.

Philadelphia, April 12 and 13, 1901.

“AMERICA’S RACE PROBLEMS.”

The Fifth Annual Meeting proved to be the best attended and most successful the Academy has yet held. The timeliness of the topics discussed and the exceptionally even and high standard of excellence of the papers presented throughout the meeting called forth many words of praise from those present, and were reflected in the newspaper comments upon the various sessions.

The meeting was called to order by the President, in the Assembly Room of the Manufacturers’ Club, on Friday afternoon, at 3 o’clock. Dr. Talcott Williams, of Philadelphia, was introduced as the presiding officer. He spoke briefly upon the topic of the session, namely, The Races of the Pacific, and upon the particular qualifications of the speakers announced on the program. He then introduced Dr. Titus Munson Coan, of New York City, who gave an address upon the Natives of Hawaii. Dr. Coan is the son of a missionary to Hawaii, and was himself born on the island and resided there for over nineteen years. He spoke most entertainingly of the personal impressions of a native-born, of the characteristics of the people and of their habits and customs. He dwelt at some length upon the Polynesian checks to population practiced in the Hawaiian Islands as in other sections of Polynesia.

Following Dr. Coan the Rev. Charles C. Pierce, D. D., United States Army Chaplain, now stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, who has recently returned from over two years of service in the Philippines, spoke upon the Tagals, giving a very vivid picture of these people in their relation to the other tribes in the Philippine Islands. He emphasized especially the fact that the Tagal is an alien in the Philippines and that his influence and capabilities are much over-rated. One incident of this session which is deserving of mention, occurred in the discussion following these papers when Rev. Dr. Charles Colman, of Philadelphia, bore witness to the efficiency of Chaplain Pierce's services in the Philippines. Dr. Colman said that he had two sons in the war, of whom one died in Cuba while the other returned from the Philippine Islands a physical wreck. Speaking of the latter he said, "In those long and weary days which followed his home-coming, he often talked with me of the brave deeds of his companions in the tropical campaign and of his experiences in the hospital after he was stricken with disease. But, sir, there was one man about whom he frequently spoke—one whom he held in the highest regard and esteem. He has told me of his unfaltering courage and of his unshaken faith, of the comfort which he brought and of the cheering words he spoke to the sick and lonely, of his loving ministrations to the dying and of the patience and persistence with which he attended the affairs of the dead; no soldier passed on his way from those foreign shores to await the final reveille whose body was not taken in charge by this all-powerful man, and there is no case on record of an unidentified body in the province of his duties." Dr. Colman further declared that he did not know Dr. Pierce, but was very glad to have this opportunity of publicly expressing his appreciation of the man. The incident produced a marked impression upon the meeting and, along with other expressions of admiration for Dr. Pierce's work, lent peculiar interest to what he had to say.

A paper by Rev. Oliver C. Miller, A. M., Chaplain of the United States Army, upon the Semi-Civilized Tribes of the Philippines, was read by title, and is printed in the volume of Proceedings. Dr. Miller is now stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco.

The second session was called to order by the President of the Academy at the New Century Drawing Room, on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. The President reviewed the work of the Academy during the year since the last annual meeting, calling attention to the large demand for a wide circulation of the Academy's publications during the year, and especially of the volume on "Corporations," containing the addresses at the last annual meeting. He also described the encouraging growth of the Academy in numbers and influence, and showed how, through the publications, work done by the Academy at its local meetings, was extended throughout the country. The need of a larger measure of co-operation among the members of the Academy, in securing the facilities for making its work permanent, and the peculiar responsibility resting upon an organization of this character, when public education on social and economic questions is so imperative, was emphasized. Professor Lindsay then introduced, as the orator of the evening, Professor Edward A. Ross, of Nebraska University, who delivered the annual address. The subject which Professor Ross treated ably in the course of an hour's address was "The Causes of Race Superiority." Following the annual address an informal reception was held, at which the members and their friends and invited guests were given an opportunity to meet the speakers of the annual meeting.

On Saturday morning, April 13, many of the out-of-town visitors assembled by invitation at 9.30 at the Museum of Science and Art of the University of Pennsylvania, where they were received by the Curator, Dr. Stewart Culin, who personally conducted the party and described the valuable

collections of the Museum. In the Assyrian department Dr. Clay, who is associated with Professor Hilprecht, gave a very interesting explanation of the tablets recently excavated at Nippur and constituting the earliest record of civilization which has yet been found. Another party gathered at the Philadelphia Commercial Museum at 10.30, where Mr. Tingle, one of the officers of the Museum, was in waiting. After a brief address on the consular service of the United States, he conducted the party through the Museum and explained the large and valuable collections of industrial products from all over the world, which the Museum has collected.

On both days a large number of members and guests gathered for luncheon at the Manufacturers' Club, which extended to the Academy throughout the meeting the freedom of its club house, as did also the Art Club of Philadelphia and other social organizations.

The third session was called to order at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and Colonel Hilary A. Herbert, of Alabama, ex-Secretary of the Navy, was introduced as the presiding officer, the topic of the session being "The Race Problem at the South." Colonel Herbert gave an eloquent address presenting a typical Southern white man's view of the relations of the whites to the negroes. He then introduced President George T. Winston, of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, who addressed the meeting on the same topic. During the course of his remarks President Winston pictured the conditions existing before the war, and claimed that the social relations between whites and negroes at that time were far superior to those at present, and that of late the races had been drifting apart rather than coming together.

The third and last address at this session was given by Professor W. E. Burghardt DuBois, of Atlanta University, who analyzed with peculiar calmness and ability the "Relation of the Negroes to the Whites." By many present

this address was regarded as the feature of the whole program. A paper by President Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee, upon the same topic, was read by title.

A peculiar interest centered in the closing session, at which Senator Orville H. Platt, of Connecticut, chairman of the Senate Committee on Relations with Cuba, and author of the Platt amendment which was then under discussion in the Cuban Constitutional Convention—reports of which seemed to indicate that it had been rejected—addressed the Academy on “Our Relations to the People of Cuba and Porto Rico.” Also at this session Mr. Charles M. Pepper, author and journalist, who has recently been appointed as one of the delegates of the United States government to the Pan-American Congress which will assemble in the city of Mexico in October, gave an address on “The Spanish Population of Cuba and Porto Rico.” Both of these addresses were listened to by a large and attentive audience. At the conclusion of the meeting, on Saturday evening, the Manufacturers’ Club gave a reception to the speakers at the annual meeting and other invited guests, among whom were many of the members of the Academy.

The Committee desires to take this opportunity to express its thanks, as well as those of the officers and members of the Academy, to the Provost and authorities of the University of Pennsylvania, to the President and Directors of the Manufacturers’ Club, to the Director and Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Commercial Museums, to the Union League, University and Art Clubs, and to many individuals who cannot here be mentioned by name who co-operated with the Committee in extending hospitality to the speakers and visiting members of the Academy on the occasion of the Annual Meeting. The Manufacturers’ Club, as on previous occasions, gave us the use of its Assembly Room and practically of its Club House during the two days of our sessions.

The expenses of the meeting were met in part by an

appropriation from the treasury of the Academy and in part by a special fund, to which leading citizens, interested in the educational purpose of the meeting and recognizing its importance, contributed.

As a matter of record the Committee desires in conclusion to note the other scientific sessions of the Academy held during the interval between the Fourth and Fifth Annual Meetings, as follows :

NOVEMBER 20, 1900, SIXTY-SEVENTH SCIENTIFIC SESSION.

Subject.—"The Causes of the Unpopularity of the Foreigner in China."

Addresses by—The Chinese Minister, His Excellency Wu Ting-fang, Washington, D. C.; Rev. William A. P. Martin, D. D., LL. D., President of the Imperial University of Peking, and the Honorable George F. Seward, Ex-Minister to China.

DECEMBER 18, 1900, SIXTY-EIGHTH SCIENTIFIC SESSION.

Subject.—"The Problem of the Tropics."

Addresses by—Professor John H. Finley, Princeton University; Honorable Frederico Degetau, Commissioner from Porto Rico to the United States, and General Roy Stone, member of General Miles' Staff in Porto Rico.

JANUARY 15, 1901, SIXTY-NINTH SCIENTIFIC SESSION.

Subject.—"Recent Tendencies in Free Political Institutions."

Addresses by—Honorable J. L. M. Curry, LL. D., Ex-Minister to Spain and General Secretary of the Peabody and Slater Educational Funds, on "Centralization in Government and the Causes of the Present Decay in Local Government and Some of Its Remedies;" Dr. Albert Shaw, Editor of the *Review of Reviews*, and Dr. James T. Young, University of Pennsylvania.

FEBRUARY 19, 1901, SEVENTIETH SCIENTIFIC SESSION.

Subject.—"The Isthmian Canal."

Addresses by—Professor Emory R. Johnson, University of Pennsylvania, on "The Political and Economic Aspects of the Isthmian Canal," and Colonel Peter C. Hains, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., on "The Military Value of the Canal."

Finally, the Committee on Meetings takes pleasure in expressing its gratitude to the speakers who have taken part in the various meetings of the year and who have given us generously of their time and service, without other compensation than the sense of satisfaction which comes from having performed a public duty and having had a part in the educational work which the Academy is doing.

The social features of our meetings have added much to their pleasure and profit and the Committee begs to thank the following ladies who have served upon one or other of the Reception Committees during the year: Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison (chairman), Mrs. DeForest Willard (vice-chairman), Mrs. Leverett Bradley, Mrs. John H. Converse, Mrs. Stephen W. Dana, Mrs. Theodore N. Ely, Mrs. Adam H. Fetterolf, Mrs. Samuel McCune Lindsay, Mrs. Edward M. Paxson, Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mrs. Henry Rogers Seager, Mrs. Talcott Williams, Mrs. Owen Wister, Mrs. Clinton Rogers Woodruff.

Respectfully submitted,

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